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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : John Jackson, Xichen Zhang and Helen Burt  
Application No. : 09/181,582  
Filed : October 28, 1998  
For : POLYMERIC SYSTEMS FOR DRUG DELIVERY AND USES  
THEREOF



Examiner : Edward J. Webman  
Art Unit : 1617  
Docket No. : 110129.416  
Date : June 28, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 29, 1999 (Paper No. 9) in the above-identified application, setting a one month period of time for response, please extend the period of time for response by five months, to expire on June 29, 2000. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee.

REMARKS

Claims 1-62 are presently pending in the application.

The Office Action dated December 29, 1999, takes the position that the claims of the above-identified application are directed to more than one distinct invention. An election of the invention of Group I, II, III or IV is required by the Examiner.